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	Mark Rosenbaum	3725	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5,7-12 and 15-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 6,13 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/19/05 & 4/21/04.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 6 depends upon a later claim i.e. claim 7. Correction is required. Note that claim 6 and claims 13-14 which depend on claim 6 have not been treated on their merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4,7,9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the German '478 patent. This patent discloses a paper shredder pivotally mounted to a bin; note particularly figures 2 and 3.

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the German '752 patent. This patent shows a paper shredder having handle 17.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5,11,16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the German '478 patent. The limitations of these claims would have been obvious

design choices only once the basic apparatus was known. For example, the exact type of pivot used would have been a design choice only once it was known to pivot one member in respect to the other as in the German patent.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the German '478 patent as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of the German '139 patent. The seat of the German '478 patent is not removable. This may result in maintenance problems. The German '139 patent shows similar apparatus including the use of a removable seat. In order to prevent maintenance problems, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the German '478 apparatus by providing a removable seat, taught to be desirable by the German '139 patent.

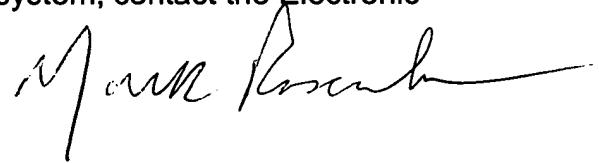
Claims 8,10,12,17-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the German '478 patent as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of the German '752 patent. The German '478 patent does not show the use of an enlarged opening for unshredded material and the provision of a typical handle. This limits apparatus versatility. The German '752 patent solves this problem by disclosing similar apparatus including the use of an enlarged opening for unshredded material and a handle for lifting purpose. In order to render the apparatus more versatile, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the German '478 apparatus by providing an enlarged opening and a handle, taught to be desirable by the German '752 patent. Any remaining limitations would then have been obvious design choices only as they solve no stated problems.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Rosenbaum whose telephone number is 571-272-4523. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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